



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION for
STATE OF WASHINGTON WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
and COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CONSISTENCY

May 12, 2006

Interested parties are hereby notified that the following applications have been received for a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, pursuant to the requirements of WAC 173-225. For projects in the 15 coastal counties, these applications will also be reviewed for coastal zone consistency in accordance with Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice does not indicate that Ecology or other State agencies have agreed with the proposed projects. This notice is only intended to inform the public of proposed projects, and ask for comments by local, state and federal agencies and the public.

EVALUATION: The decision to issue, deny or condition the water quality certification (WQC) or concur with the applicant's Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency statement, will be based on the following: for WQC, it is necessary for the proposed project to comply with the applicable provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and appropriate State aquatic protection requirements. For a project to be declared consistent under the CZMA program, it must be in compliance with State and Federal Clean Water and Air Acts, the Shoreline Management Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable federal and state regulations.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public, State, and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties in order to evaluate the impacts of the activity. Any comments received will be considered to determine whether to approve, condition, or deny a certification for the proposed work, and concur or object to the project's statement of consistency with the CZMA. **Comments should be sent to:**

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e-mail rpadd461@ecy.wa.gov

The comment period will last 21 days, from May 12 to June 2, 2006.

If you have special accommodation needs or require this document in an alternative format, please call (425) 649-7000, 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY).



May 12, 2006

The following application has been received for 401 certification and CZMA consistency determination:

PROJECT NUMBER: 200600154

APPLICANT: Skagit County
Attn: Janice Marlega
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

CONTACT: Ross Widener, Widener & Associates (425) 348-3059

ECOLOGY PROJECT REVIEWER: Rebekah Padgett (425) 649-7129

TYPE OF NATIONWIDE PERMIT: Nationwide Permit (NWP) #23, Categorical Exclusions, issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

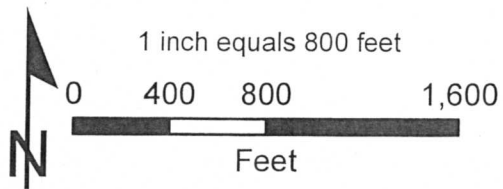
LOCATION: Near the City of Sedro Woolley, on Helmick Road, north of SR 20, approximately 2 miles east of SR 9, located in Sections 8 and 17, Township 35 N, Range 5 E, unincorporated Skagit County.

WORK: Application has been made for water quality certification to authorize the widening and reconstruction of Helmick Road. The project proposes to place 5.45 acres of fill in reed-canary grass dominated palustrine emergent wetlands, reconfigure a trailhead and parking area, and replace the existing culverts at Red Creek with a 150-foot bridge. As mitigation for the project impacts, the applicant proposes to reroute Dairy tributary to a more natural channel and enhance/restore 20 acres of adjacent wetlands with native wetland tree and shrub species. Approximately 0.35 acre of new wetlands are to be created.

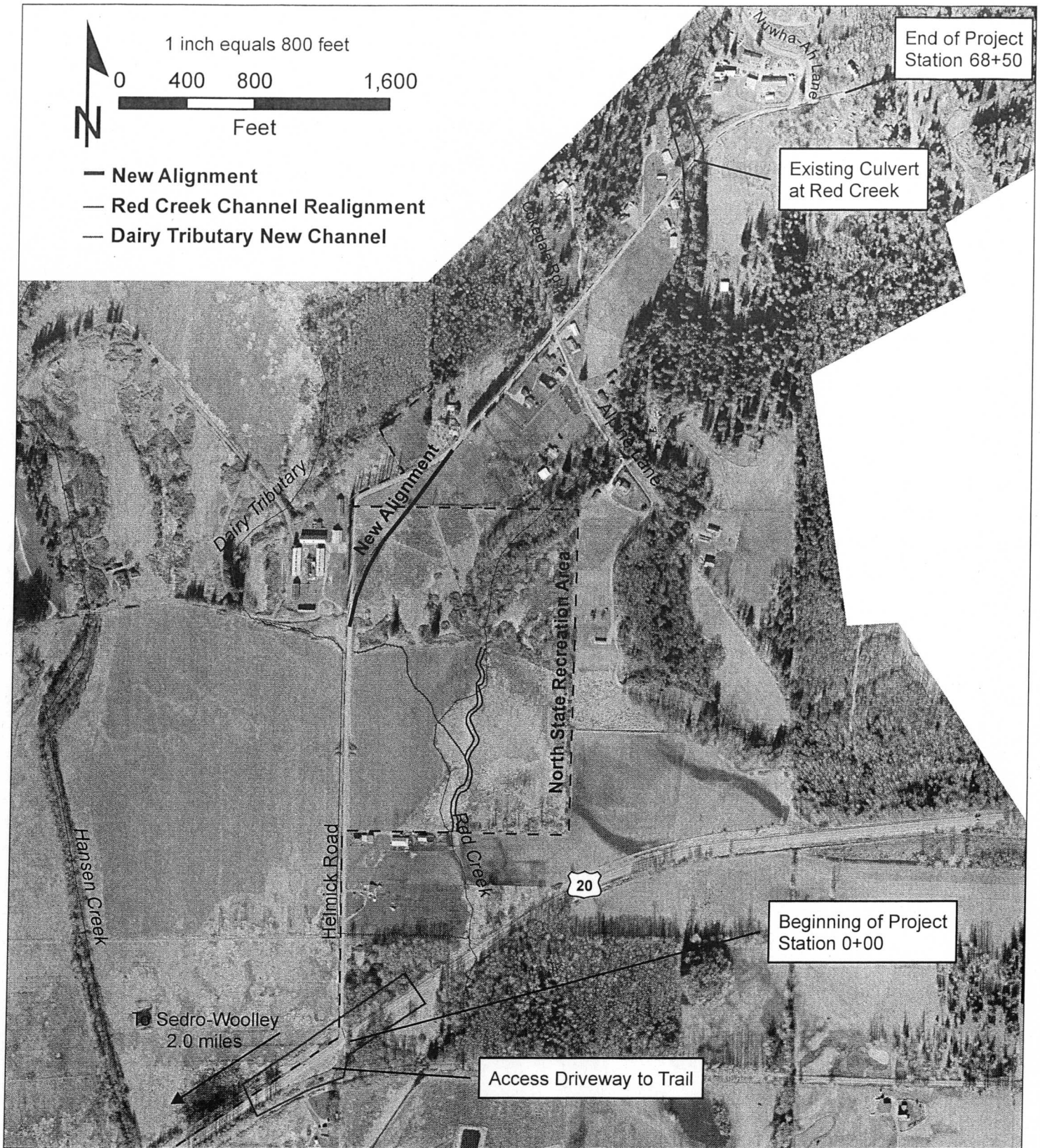
The proposed project is described in more detail in the Wetland Mitigation and Monitoring Plan prepared by Widener & Associates, dated April 26, 2006.

PURPOSE: To improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety on Helmick Road.

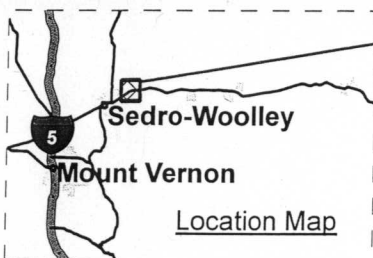
APPEALS: If the water quality certification is issued, any person aggrieved may obtain review thereof by appeal. The applicant can appeal up to 30 days after receipt of the permit, and all others can appeal up to 30 days from the postmarked date of the permit. The appeal must be sent to the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia WA 98504-0903. Concurrently, a copy of the appeal must be sent to the Department of Ecology, Enforcement Section, PO Box 47600, Olympia WA 98504-7600. These procedures are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 43.21B RCW and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.



- New Alignment
- Red Creek Channel Realignment
- Dairy Tributary New Channel



Date of Aerial Photograph: October 31, 2003



Vicinity Map

PURPOSE: Road Widening & A New Alignment for Helmick Road

DATUM: North American Datum 1983

LATITUDE: 48° 31' 25" N

LONGITUDE: 122° 11' 39" W

TOWNSHIP & RANGE: T.35N, R.5E, Sections 8, 9 & 17

LOCATION: Skagit County, WA 98284

APPLICANT: Skagit County Public Works

SHEET: 1 of 11 **DATE:** February 3, 2006